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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SERIOUS RAILWAY CRISIS.

London, January 8th.
Peace in the railway world depends upon the happenings of the next few days. The Trade Union leaders are divided as regards the outcome of the talk of Mr. J. H. Thomas and his associates to persuade the delegates, who are meeting on January 7th, to accept the Government's offer. They will exert the utmost pressure to secure a favourable verdict, and as a last resort try to get a postponement of the final decision.
The delegates will be given every opportunity to discuss details. The conference may last three days. Anyhow, a very great battle between the Extremists and the Moderates is anticipated.
In the event of another crisis the Extremists may resort to a ballot, although, in the case of the National Union of Railwaymen, this is not customary.
Public opinion is freely expressed that the men will be unable to reject the offer. Meanwhile, the Extremists' standpoint is that they won the last strike, and they think that they can win another. The opposition to the offer is based on a general desire to press for the original demand, namely, that 25s. as bonus shall be added to the highest rate of pay of each grade and the total be made a permanent standard rate, on the ground that this has already been conceded to drivers and firemen.

JAPAN AS THE PROTECTOR.

LONDON, Jan. 3.
The Daily Mail, in the course of a leader, says "As long as a Bolshevik State exists with its present doctrine there will be no respite for the world. This doctrine is that, not the brotherhood of man, but the hatred of class for class is the rule of human life. Nor can we overlook the recent Bolshevik victories which have brought the world, in the event of the collapse of Admiral Koldmak, as their consequence, the decision of Japan to hold Eastern Siberia. Japan thus attains a new position as a world-power such as the Fall of Port Arthur did not give her. She remains the only force capable of preventing Bolshevism from penetrating into China with all the disastrous results to human civilisation which such a penetration would bring in its train. Because of the iron resistance which her large well-disciplined forces would offer to the Bolshevik hordes, Lenin is not likely to run his head against such an antagonist. The real danger—and a grave danger—is that he may divert his attack to a new quarter and attempt to threaten India by arming and inciting to war the predatory tribes of the North-West Frontier."

"DRESSOMANIA" EPIDEMIC.

WOMEN FLINGING MONEY AWAY ON CLOTHES.

"Some women suffer from dressomania as others do from drugs," said one of the most eminent of London solicitors to a Daily Express representative. The reflection was prompted by his part in recent divorce suits.

Women, crave for new clothes as men for drink, and they experience the same effects, he added.

New clothes intoxicate a woman, give her temporarily a bright outlook on life, a feverish enjoyment for the moment, and bring a sparkle to her eyes and a flush to her cheek. In a word, they dull her sorrows and make her forget her worries; but their effects are short-lived, and the pleasure has died down almost before the new garments are sent home.

Dressomania is an old vice among the rich smart women of London, but recently it has spread to all classes. "I learn that when in grief a woman finds that new clothes serve to dull and soothe the nerves just as drink would dull the grief of a man. Clothes act as a counter excitement to divert the mind from its troubles. After these years of sorrow and nerve-racking excitement it is but natural that the women are plunging into mad orgies of clothes buying, along with their other excitement."

A journey through the West End shops proved to a Daily Express representative that dressomania is a raging epidemic. In the shoe shops fashionable women were buying as many as five or six pairs of evening slippers at a time. Silk stockings at a guinea or more a pair were being sold to customers by the dozen pairs. Lingerie costing more than pre-war evening gowns was being sold to women who were buying for sheer excitement, and French frocks at thirty guineas apiece were being bought two or three at a time.

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KOWLOON COMMENTS.

(By The Kowloonian.)

A Kowloon reader sends us a very useful suggestion in connection with the telephone directory. He points out that in all other cities where telephone systems exist, there is, in the directory, a numerical index as well as a name index so that a subscriber is able to ascertain on what page a given number may be found and thus find out the name of the firm. The suggestion is that this additional index should be added to the Hongkong telephone directory.

The Children's Sports given by the K.C.C. last Saturday, was another instance of the good work being done by the Club. Mr. A. O. Brown made pointed references to the need for outside support to enable the building of an adequate Club House and also additions to the ground which those present could not fail to have observed are urgently required.

There is not the slightest doubt that the Club will receive every encouragement for its new scheme from the Government and it likewise deserves the help of the general public. All can help by taking up subscriptions.

A point worthy of mention in connection with the Children's Sports is the quality of the prizes. There was nothing trashy or rubbishy about them and such useful articles as Kodak cameras and footballs were given away by the half dozens.

There is a "Notice" posted up adjacent to the Kowloon reservoirs to the effect that directors will be inflicted on persons "polluting" the water. We wonder who is the pedant of the P.W.D. who passed this?

What is the difference between a Peakie, a Panjandrum and a Kowloonite?

We regret to state that "Max" is suffering from a severe attack of indigestion owing to having swallowed a marble which he mistook for an egg. It is hoped that under the tender ministrations of "Max" he will be convalescent in a few days.

At the K.C.C. Golf Section meeting last night, Mr. J. Hyde and Mr. H. Overy announced their intention of proceeding home on leave, shortly. On this account Mr. Hyde refused to stand for re-election as Captain and Mr. H. Overy accepted the office of Secretary pro tem. Mr. Elson to "carry on" when he leaves.

There is to be a "Grand Golf Competition" at King's Park next Sunday, at least, so it is written down in soap on a mirror in the K.C.C. Club House. One unkind member remarked that the match, like the inscription "in soap, would end in a wash out."

The match arranged by the Golf Section of the K.C.C., England v. Scotland, which had to be postponed on account of the death of the late Mr. Mead, has now been fixed for Sunday, January 25.

The suggestions as to cups and competitions were plentiful last night at the K.C.C., and certain members who were about to "depart" made sporting offers but it was decided that ways and means should be "decided later." Thereupon one member suggested that they should have a "Departing Cup" to be presented "later."

The Kowloonian would like to be "in the running" when the distribution of those "silver mounted pork pies" takes place.

On behalf of the reporting staff of the China Mail, the Kowloonian has been deputed respectfully to request those Kowloon gentlemen who organized the little "burglary" hoax on Gun Club Hill to give warning of any similar function in future so that a representative of this paper may be present.

The Bishop of Victoria, during his address on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, M.A., to the Chaplaincy of St. Andrew's Church, expressed the opinion that people in Hongkong and Kowloon should live more simply, do more in their homes for themselves and not leave everything to Chinese servants.

The Government would do well to take note of this sound advice and bear it in mind when finally deciding the matter of that proposed hotel. If the Government takes our advice and builds small bungalows it will thus enable Kowloonites to act upon His Lordship's advice. Hotel life won't help matters in this direction. It is home life, more than anything else, which brings people to the point of the more serious things in life. The Chinese who are in trouble...

THE FIRST NEWSPAPER.

THEORIES OF THE ORIGIN OF THE PRESS.

Sir George Riddell presided over a large gathering at the annual dinner of the Readers' Pensions Committee, held at the Cannon Street Hotel recently. Sir Auckland Geddes, M.P., proposed "Literature and the Press." He said the form of the toast was a sign of the times. He could not conceive this combination a generation ago. At that time these two half-sisters were not on speaking terms. (Laughter.) Lineally descended from the "news letter," the Press of this country had its beginnings in the curiosity, tempered by fear, of our forefathers, regarding the Armada. Out of that mixture of curiosity and terror ultimately arose the Press, the child of war, one of the daughters of Bellona. Literature sprang from the hands and the harpers, who in order to get their daily bread worked up the stories of the past. Fancy was always the mark of literature; in these days it seemed to be becoming also the mark of the Press. (Laughter.) Perhaps it would be best to let the two streams, literature and the Press, separate, leaving literature to stimulate, to stir the imagination, to lead us onward and upward, and leave it to the Press to keep us informed of what was really happening, not only in England but in all the countries of the world. He knew of no organ of the Press to which one could turn to get a clear-sighted view of world movements, to get an unprejudiced statement of what was happening in every part of the world. It really was extraordinary how quite simple things, well within the knowledge of men in England, were misstated or incompletely stated or overstated.

EMOTIONS AND FACTS.

Lord Russell of Liverpool, in reply, reminded Sir Auckland Geddes that it was impossible to have facts without emotions, and that when emotions were provoked or awakened by facts it was very natural for the Press to indulge immediately in literature as a means of giving, without delay, expression to the feelings which events could not but produce. Journalists had generally striven to tell the truth. The best journalist was the most literary journalist. He concluded with a tribute to the readers for the Press. Many a reader was a positive guardian of literature in a newspaper office.

Sir George Riddell proposed the toast of "Readers' Pensions," and in doing so he questioned the historical account which Sir Auckland Geddes gave of the origin of the Press. The first newspaper was printed every day on the walls of Rome by a politician engaged in a great military campaign, who thought it necessary that the electors at home should know what he was doing. Julius Caesar was the inventor of newspapers—(laughter)—and he was one of the greatest politicians the world ever saw. When he was in Gaul, on the Monday he sent a message "I came"; on Tuesday he sent "I saw"; and on Wednesday he sent "I conquered." (Laughter.) Ever since then politicians had taken the greatest interest in the doings of newspapers. (Laughter.) Notwithstanding all its defects the Press was one of the most accurate things in the world. Nobody could be absolutely accurate for 365 days in the year. He would be a horrible bore if he were.

BEAUTY UNADORNED.

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ters) the owners of the steamer "Ken-
tucky" claimed damages arising out
of a collision with the Calcutta steamer
"Gregory Apar," which took place
in the Mediterranean on July 1, 1918,
reports the Journal of Commerce of
Nov. 15, 1919.

Mr. Bateson, K.C., and Mr. N.
Nead (instructed) by Messrs. Ince,
Colt, Ince and Roscoe, London, E.C.,
appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. Steph-
ens, K.C., and Mr. Dumas (instructed
by Messrs. Waltons and Co., Lon-
don, E.C.) for the defendants.

The case for the plaintiffs was that
at 10.15 p.m. the "Kentucky" (7,169
tons gross) was in the Mediterranean
about 120 miles eastward of Gibraltar,
whilst on a voyage from Milford
Haven to Port Said, laden with a
cargo of coal. The weather was fine
and clear, and the vessel proceeding
in convoy on a course of S. 65 E.
magnetic, making about 9 knots. In
accordance with Admiralty instruc-
tions no lights were being exhibited;
a good lookout was being kept. The
"Kentucky" having received orders
to change course to N. 81 E. was in
the act of doing so when a short blast
was heard on the port bow, and the
vessel on her port side was seen to
be heading towards her. The helm
of the "Kentucky" was immediately
put hard port, the engines full speed
ahead, a number of short blasts were
blown, and the side lights switched
on. Having thus cleared the vessel
on her port side, the helm was put
hard starboard and speed reduced to
clear a vessel of the first line of the
convoy and to turn away from the
"Gregory Apar," on her starboard
side. Shortly afterwards the "Gregory
Apar" was loudly hailed to port,
and the engines of the "Kentucky"
were stopped, but the "Gregory
Apar" continued on, and al-
though she blew a short blast just
before the collision her port side came
into collision with the starboard side
of the "Kentucky," doing damage.
The plaintiffs alleged that the "Gregory
Apar" had a bad look-out, failed
to port her helm or to stop or
reverse in time.

The defendants denied negligent
navigation, and counter-claimed.
They pleaded that the "Gregory
Apar" (4,604 tons gross) was on a
voyage from London to Indian ports
with a general cargo, and that at the
time of the collision the atmosphere
was murky owing to the smoke from
the vessels in the convoy in which
she and the "Kentucky" were unis.

The "Gregory Apar" was the third
vessel in the 4th column from the port
hard of the convoy, which was com-
posed of five columns. The "Ken-
tucky's" proper position in the con-
voy was the second vessel in the
column next on the port hand of the
"Gregory Apar," which was keep-
ing her proper station and course,
making 10 knots, and exhibiting no
lights, there being a good look-out.
Two short blasts were repeated
after a very short interval were heard
on the port bow of the "Gregory Apar,"
these being followed by a mean-
ingless signal of a succession of long
and short blasts, and directly after-
wards the unlighted loom of the
"Kentucky" was seen about two
cables bearing about four points on
the port bow, and the "Kentucky"
was seen to be acting as if under a
port helm, coming with her head to
starboard, and closing in on the "Gregory
Apar," causing danger of col-
lision. The helm of the "Gregory
Apar" was thereupon put hard-a-
port, her whistle sounded a short blast
and her engines were kept working
ahead as the best means of averting
a collision or easing the blow. Not-
withstanding this the "Kentucky"
came on and with her starboard bow
struck the "Gregory Apar" on the
port side forward abreast of No. 1
hatch, doing her considerable damage.
Just before the collision the "Ken-
tucky" showed a green light. The
defendants alleged that there was a
bad look-out on the "Kentucky,"
which failed to keep her proper station
with the column, improperly ported
her helm, did not give warning of her
intended manoeuvres, did not exhibit
navigation lights in due time; and did
not ease, stop or reverse engines.

In the course of his judgment His
Lordship said:—The conclusion at
which he had arrived with regard to
the "Gregory Apar" was, that as
soon as she saw what the position of
the "Kentucky" was she ported her
helm and endeavoured to avoid the
collision. In his Lordship's opinion
she did it too late. He asked him-
self what the reason for that was.
Why was she not as alive to the state
of things which existed as were the
other vessels? He examined the evi-
dence of the third officer, who was in
charge, and the evidence of the mas-
ter, the first officer, and the engineer,
and he had looked at the logs. The
logs threw no light upon the matter.
As far as the collision was concerned
it might almost not have happened,
and those on board the "Gregory
Apar" might have had no knowledge
of it, except that something had bump-
ed their vessel. That was a singular
state of affairs, but when the evidence
of the third officer, who was in charge,
was more carefully scrutinized there
was what Mr. Dumas spoke of as a
state of confusion in his account of
the matter. It seemed to His Lord-
ship, on a fair view of the evidence
for the defendants themselves, to re-
sult that the defendants were not keep-

ing a lookout such as was called for
by their position in this convoy, and
that consequently they failed to make
a manoeuvre in due time, which in
the case of the other two vessels (put
in the same peril) avoided a collision,
and which was well adapted to avoid
collision in this case. He had con-
sulted the Elder Brethren in regard
to this matter, and they concurred in
the view that the "Gregory Apar,"
with a reasonable lookout, ought to
have observed the position of danger
which existed for the period before the
collision. They concurred also that
five minutes seemed to be the period
during which the "Gregory Apar"
could have been aware of what was
going on, and was enough for all to
have taken all the necessary and pro-
per measures; and they concurred that
if she had ported her helm in due time
the collision would have been avoided.
That was enough to hold the "Gregory
Apar" to blame.

The question which had been keenly
controversied was whether the "Ken-
tucky" was also to blame—whether,
after she had successfully avoided
others of her companions by a
manoeuvre, which was not without
risk, she ought, having regard to the
position in which the "Gregory Apar"
was proceeding with regard to
the "Kentucky," to have amended
her course earlier than she did—that
was to say, have starboarded earlier
to get back to her position—and whether
she ought to have taken off her
way. On this subject perhaps the
best evidence of the difficulty of the
matter was that those who advised
him in the case upon technical ques-
tions were not agreed. He must fol-
low his own view on that subject; but
he was impressed by the fact that
seamen of great experience were not
agreed upon that topic; and on the
whole, although he felt the force of
argument which was addressed to him
by Mr. Dumas, he was not satisfied
that in the position in which the
"Kentucky" was, on the failure of
the "Gregory Apar" to take the
steps which it was reasonable to ex-
pect her to take, there was a default
of good seamanship in those in charge
of her, which placed the "Kentucky"
at fault as being jointly to blame with
the "Gregory Apar." He had had
regard, in coming to the conclusion
at which he had arrived, to the clear-
ness in a general sense which those
on board the "Kentucky" gave to
the facts when, as soon as they could,
they placed on record their account
of this happening, and to the further
fact that the commodore of the flotilla,
who had his eyes about him and saw
what was going on, came to the con-
clusion as a matter of seamanship,
that the "Kentucky" did all she
should. In these circumstances his
Lordship did not hold the "Ken-
tucky" to blame. He held the
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the collision, with the consequences
that must follow in a case of this
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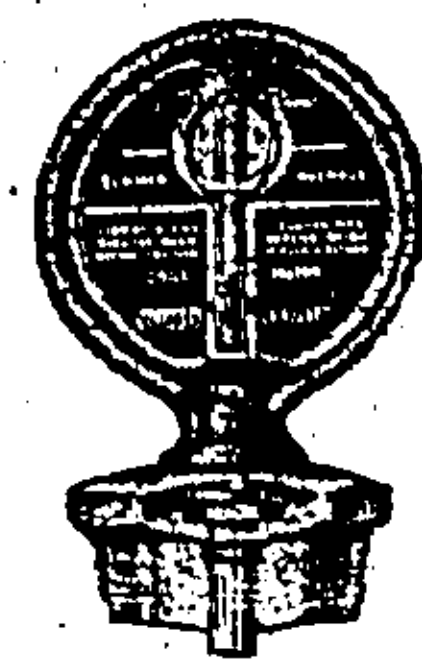
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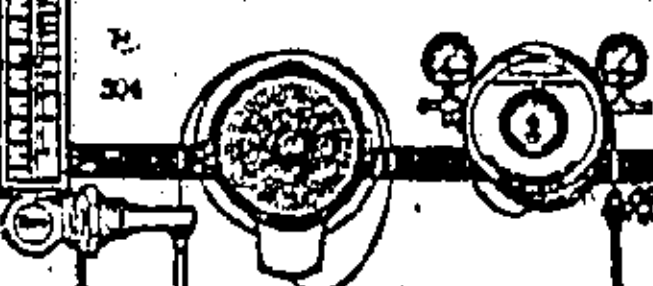
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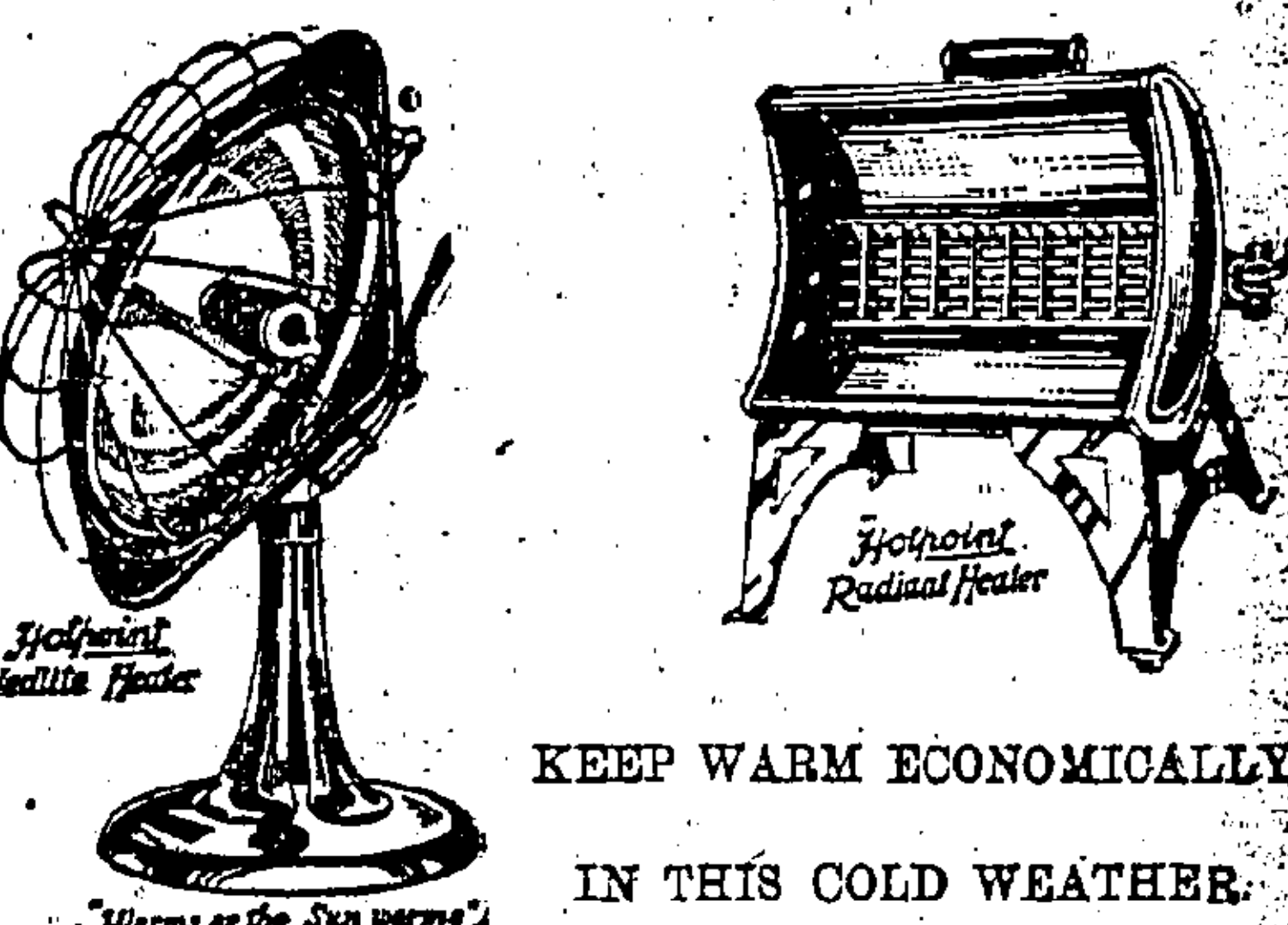
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KINNEAR—On December 29, in London, Henry Reid Kinnear, senior partner of Gibb, Livingstone & Co., aged 70.

The China Mail.

NEWS, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JAN. 8, 1920.

ADVERSARIA.

As promised the other day, we came now to the subject of the use of economic pressure against the free expression of public opinion. We have undertaken to discuss with dignified restraint the various aspects, moral and political, of the action of Jardine's local manager in withdrawing the business of his clients from this paper on the admitted ground that he personally "objects to the general tone of the paper."

A point of commercial ethics at once suggests itself. Business looks to a newspaper for circulation and popularity chiefly, and does not concern itself with political opinions in general, or with questions of literary style. The various firms for whom Jardine acts as agents, and whose advertisements have been accepted because Mr. John Johnstone objects to the general tone of the paper, are not interested in its general tone. They are interested only in the advantages it offers them. If they discover that they have been deprived of the benefits of its popularity and circulation for such a purely personal and unbusinesslike reason, they will probably conclude that as agents Jardine has things to learn.

There have been such extraordinary rumours and facts spread in this gossip place that we may as well state the simple facts. We are not signing a grievance. As our regular readers know, we at first regarded it as a harmless incident. But alleged to be passing and taking

are reader complained (naturally). That alone should dispose of the stupid and possibly malicious tale that the *China Mail* went to Jardine to "ask them to reconsider," or anything of that sort. These are the facts. On December 1 Jardine, as general managers for the Indo-China Shipping Company, requested the immediate stoppage of the daily salings notices, which had appeared in our columns for years. A representative went round to ask the reason. Was it due to any dissatisfaction with the methods of printing the notices, etc. Mr. Johnstone was quite frank. He said he had no fault to find in that way, but said "We object to the general tone of the paper." Our representative thanked him and withdrew. Five days later Jardine withdrew their engineering advt. On December 31 they stopped their subscription to the paper. The total loss of revenue to the *China Mail* is something between fifty and sixty dollars a month. Rumour-mongers are advised to consider the point whether any newspaper would allow any one man or firm to dictate its general tone for such a trifle. Not even a venal newspaper would.

It is now evident, however, that there is at least the bare possibility that in places like this honest and outspoken newspapers might be intimidated in the discharge of their public duty by threats of economic pressure—providing the public were willing to submit. We have satisfactory assurances already that the Hongkong public is not willing, so we cannot pretend that there is any serious danger of vital infringement of the liberty of the Press locally. We do not even suggest that any such has been attempted, as the rumour-mongers have done. We do not suppose Mr. John Johnstone had in mind anything more than a simple, practical expression of his own personal distaste for our "general tone." Had he been a tradesman letting his personal tastes interfere only with his own business, we do not know that we should have considered him unreasonable. Such pique would be foolish—according to the general view of "cutting off your nose to spite your face"—but it would be human. As agents for the proprietors of other businesses, however, Mr. Johnstone of Jardine's is in a different position. He and his clients must settle that between them.

We must say that the moral aspect of the incident affects us most. It is rather disconcerting, after so many preachings of tolerance and British fair-play, to discover intolerance soaked and unashamed. A meaner man would have disguised that would

have been less frank than Mr. Johnstone was. We give him full credit for candour, and for moral courage. It surely needs courage to show intolerance and avow it. Arguments may be offensive to you. Meet them with better arguments—that is what we mean by tolerance. Don't knock the man down. Don't take his bread and butter away from him. Don't use some incidental and irrelevant power you may possess to suppress him. That is what we mean by intolerance. That is what we believe to be immoral.

Let it be noted that HING ILAE, we are not airing a grievance, nor (which is the more remarkable) indulging our own appetite for profitable advertisement. It is a fact that public support, both in circulation and advertising, has come to us in such volume as to render the detection of Jardine insignificant. It is true that we were dismissing the incident as undeserving of more notice than the humorous one we gave it. These further references are made on the advice and at the request of a gentleman whose counsel we happen to value. We feared it might be a bore; he thought it a duty. The two things sometimes go together. Let the patient reader, therefore, excuse the occasional dry homily, when cause is shown, "until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Today's dollar is worth 5s. 4d.

A message has been received in Shanghai stating that General Luk Wing-ting died on January 3.

Invitations are out for the Congregation for conferring degrees at the Hongkong University on Friday, January 16.

It is reported in Northern papers that the business premises of Messrs. Thompson Hannan & Co. at Dairen have been purchased by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

M. Reau, the Consul for France in Hongkong, who recently returned to the Colony from Home, is to relieve M. Wilden, the Consul-General at Shanghai, who is shortly going Home.

The substantial sum of about \$5,000 will be available for distribution among Shanghai charities as the result of the meeting arranged by the Shanghai Race Club on New Year's morning.

It is stated that the M.P.s. in Canton propose to bring the Constitutional Convention to an end on February 15, and a ceremony is to be held in the South-West Provinces to celebrate the event.

Referring to the attempt made on the life of Ku Yik-wong, the ex-leader of the Shingling troops and late Defence Commissioner of Shingling, it is stated that Ku succumbed to the effects of the wounds. No arrest has been made.

The Dragon Motor Car Company are running special motor buses for the Repulse Bay Hotel tea and dinner dances on the evenings of Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, at 3.15, 7, and 8.30. If there are not sufficient passengers to warrant the running of the buses, those desiring to proceed to Repulse Bay will be accommodated in an ordinary car (both ways) at the same charge, viz. \$2 per head.

Another big fire occurred in Honam on Tuesday morning and more than 40 shops and houses were destroyed. According to reports the great fire which occurred in Salkwan on January 4 destroyed 211 shops. Three of the *Wahs* of the firecracker shop in which the fire originated were killed and six others were wounded by the explosion. The Superintendent of Police has sent officers to investigate the origin of the fire as incendiarism is suspected.

It is reported that the Peking Government has recently appointed a General, whose surname is Chin, to prepare to settle the affairs of the Two Kwangs (Kwangtung and Kwangsi) by force of arms, as the Peking Government proposes to reject the peace proposals of the South unless the Southern leaders surrender. General Chan has established his headquarters in Macao and has sent delegates to investigate the military situation in the two provinces.

The cups put up for the Novices' Competitions arranged by the Hongkong Boxing Association to take place to-morrow and Saturday are now on view at Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, who have devoted a window to their display. The trophies make a fine collection, there being three cups for each class—winner, runner up and best loser. The cups for the winners and runners up are of a substantial and artistic design and should be sufficient incentive for the boxers to give the best that is in them. The prizes for the best losers are smaller in size but make capital mementoes. The handsome appearance of the cups was generally remarked on by those who saw them.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The health return issued to-day is blank.

Referring to the munificent gift of \$8,500 to the King's Fund for the Disabled, by the Ewo Cotton Co., the *N. C. Daily News* observes: "The practice of memorializing good persons by far donations to war funds, etc., is being increasingly observed by Shanghai companies and it is a very excellent one."

The following will represent the L.R.C. in their league match against the Craigengower C.C. on the former's ground, on Saturday, at 2 p.m.—A. H. Rumjahn (captain), A. el Arcuelli, G. C. Erde, S. A. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, A. A. Rumjahn, D. Rumjahn, M. B. Suffiad, E. A. Moodeen, and A. R. Madar.

The Manchester Regiment, or what remains of it, has received its marching orders and will embark on the s.s. "Dongola" at about 9.30 to-morrow morning bound for Blighty and demobilization. We are sure that the best wishes of the Colony will go with them. Good Bye, brave boys, the *China Mail* wishes you bon voyage.

Mr. C. L. Williams, formerly in the American Consular service and also manager of the American Bank Note Company, who volunteered for special service during the war and acted as second Secretary of Legation, from which post he resigned in November, has been given the appointment of Associate Inspector General of the Wine and Tobacco Administration.

Discussing the disparity in steamer fares, owing to the exigencies of exchange, the *N. C. Daily News* remarks: "It seems quite probable that in the near future all fares from Shanghai to foreign ports will have to be paid in Mexican dollars and that the various Companies concerned will make the adjustment on a level basis, but before this can be done the agencies here will have to await instructions from head offices."

Ten of the students of the Government Law School at Canton who went on strike owing to the change of headmaster have been ordered by the Civil Governor to be expelled from the school as they were said to be the ringleaders. The other students are ordered to return to school immediately or else they will also be dismissed. A message from Nanning states that the students there are in conflict with the local authorities as the students have not been allowed to prevent the importation of foreign goods.

Miss Shirley Cooke and Mr. George Graystone, who are well known in connection with the Vanity Fair Company, delighted the patrons of Wiseman's Cafe yesterday with selections from their repertoire. The concert was given in the dance hall, where soon after 8 o'clock every table was occupied. A small stage was erected for the performers who gave several songs. Miss Cooke accompanying herself and playing the accompaniment for her partner. The way she sang "never mind" delighted her audience and Mr. Graystone pleased no less. It is unfortunate that the artists are not being made a regular feature of the Cafe's entertainments as it is understood they will shortly be leaving the Colony. However, the management is to be congratulated in providing such a treat for its patrons. Another concert is being given to-morrow afternoon commencing at 5 o'clock.

JEU D'ESPRIT.

First to the right, then to the left, then a jump back two paces, followed immediately by a spring into the air. My God! it was cruel. There it comes! With a rush and a shriek and a horrible howl. Just missed me by one thirteenth of an inch. It is passed, it is gone. I am safe, I breathe again. Plunk! Right in the back, in the region of the kidneys. I am hurled forward five yards, only to be stopped by a sickening third against a massive wall of flesh. I rebound. "Where the d— are you coming to?" and two balls of fire glare into my eyes. "It's up a sixteenth, and I have lost a thousand men through you, you idiot."

My head is in a whirl. What shall I do? How shall I escape an agonising end? Look! Look! a chariot, a chariot, pushed and pulled by forms in many colours. In it something very much like a human being, but with neck craned forward and eyes staring out of its head. It is coming right at me! I am doomed. I cannot escape! Ah! yes, merciful heavens! It suddenly stops two yards from me. The human form is hurled into space and disappears through a door. I turn; I run, I run. I see an opening and I just manage to make it. I am faint. I stagger into the King Edward for brandy.

Never again will I try to pass through Ice House Street at eleven a.m.

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SPECIAL CABLES.

SHANGHAI OPIUM SCANDAL.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 8. Allen, a Municipal Police Constable, was committed for trial, being concerned with several Chinese, for theft of opium from a native dwelling. The accused has a splendid war record.

SHANGHAI POLITICS.

CHINESE AGITATION FOR REPRESENTATION.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 8. Mr. E. S. Little has published views warmly supporting the Chinese demand for representation on the Council, which the latter refuses. The Chinese Government's attempt to enforce the stamp tax within the Settlement limits is hotly resented by the Council.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[By Arrangement with the Wah Tat Yat Po.]

SHANGHAI, January 7. Premier Kan, Wang Pang has invited the leaders of the various parties to a financial conference to discuss the end of the lunar year.

The militarists of the North and South will be on good terms on the disbandment of their troops. They are supporting each other in the carrying out of the scheme, which should proceed smoothly.

The body guards of the ex-Premier at the Metropolis have been removed to Peh Yuen.

General Chu Shu Tsang reports from Unga that he is starting for Feking.

THEFT OF AN OVERCOAT.

STORY OF AN EXCITING CHASE.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood, this morning, a Chinese was charged with the larceny of an overcoat, the property of Mr. I. Smith of No. 169, Wanchai Road, and pleaded "not guilty."

Mr. Smith, an engineer of the Hongkong Electric Company, giving evidence, said that at about 9.30 yesterday morning, he was standing at the kitchen door talking to the house boy, whilst the coolie was scrubbing the hall. After he had completed his work, the coolie opened the front door to let the hall dry and went to scrub under the staircase. Whilst he was so engaged, he heard the clothes rack in the hall rattling, and looking out, saw the defendant leaving by the front door with the overcoat on his arm. The coolie called out "thief man," and witness, rushing into the hall, asked him "what side go." The coolie replied "front side." Witness then ran out by the front door and saw the defendant running West along Wanchai Road, with the overcoat on his right arm. Witness gave chase. The defendant branched off into Wood Road and thence in to Morrison Hill. Witness continued the chase. Looking round and seeing that witness was gaining on him, the defendant threw down the overcoat and continued to run. Witness took no notice of the coat but continued to give chase. Just then a motor car came along Morrison Hill going towards Wood Road. Witness called out "stop thief" and the car stopped. Lt.-Comdr. Kilgour who was in the car asked witness what was the matter and witness told him that the defendant had stolen an overcoat. Comdr. Kilgour thereupon, turned round, his car, and chased the defendant. When they got to Jardine's property at the foot of Morrison Hill, Comdr. Kilgour ran his car in front of the defendant who then stopped running and was grabbed by a coolie who was working on Jardine's property.

The defendant said he was walking with a friend along Wanchai Road yesterday morning, when, after they had passed the complainant's house, his friend told him to wait a while, while he went in to take his coat. Witness waited and soon afterwards his friend returned with the overcoat and handing it to him instructed him to take it home. As he was walking away with what he thought was his friend's overcoat, the complainant rushed out of the house and chased him. Taking fright, he ran, but he did not run because he was guilty of having stolen the coat. If the coat was stolen, it was his friend who had stolen it.

Asked if he would like to call any witnesses, the defendant replied in the negative.

His Worship without hearing further evidence convicted him, and passed sentence of three months' hard labour.

TRIOLET.

She sits in church three rows behind,
And I can't see her, on my honour;
So I might just as well be blind.
She sits in church three rows behind,
And sometimes I have left inclined
To turn and boldly gaze upon her.
She sits in church three rows behind,
And I can't see her, on my honour.

ECHO OF LA FAVORITE BURGLARY.

Before Mr. Smith this morning, Sergeant Doring made an application on behalf of the proprietor of La Favorite, for an order calling upon three pawnbrokers of Wellington Street to return without payment, certain velvet which formed part of the articles stolen from the shop by burglars recently, on the ground that the pawnbrokers did not exercise sufficient care to ascertain whence the goods came before taking them into pawn.

Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, who appeared for the pawnbrokers, said that if his Worship took evidence, he would find out that there was no gross negligence on the part of the pawnbrokers who had made all the necessary enquiries from the man who pawned the velvet before taking it into pawn, and paid liberally for the stuff. The man who pawned the goods had the appearance of being a foreign tailor, as he represented himself to be.

Mr. Leite, the proprietor of the shop, said it would be very agreeable to him if he could get the stuff back without paying for it.

His Worship said it would be very difficult to do so as Mr. Shenton was trying to prove to him that there had been no negligence on the part of the pawnbrokers.

Mr. Shenton said no notice of the burglary had been circulated to the pawnbrokers, and therefore they could not be expected to know that the stuff was stolen.

After the pawnbrokers had given evidence corroborating Mr. Shenton's statement, Sergt. Doring said the sum advanced on the stuff was considerably below cost price.

K.C.C. GOLF SECTION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Kowloon Cricket Club, Golf Section, was held last evening in the Club House.

Mr. J. Hyde, Captain, presided and there were present Messrs. G. H. May, W. T. Elson, D. G. Nicoll and J. M. Jack (Committee), H. Overly (Hon. Sec.), and a large number of the Golf Section.

The President said: Before I proceed with the business of the meeting I would like to say a few words. You all know that we have lost one of our finest golfers belonging to the Golf Section; I am referring to the late Mr. James Mead. About ten or eleven days ago word came that Mr. Mead had been called away and I am sure the members of the club are very sorry to hear of the death of one of our keenest men. He was one of the best of Hongkong and Kowloon sports and no doubt you have all read the papers, which gave an accurate account of his doings in sport. We shall all miss him very much for he was one of those men to whom we could go when in trouble about golf matters and I think I am safe in saying that he was always appealed to in any matter of sport in connection with the Kowloon Cricket Club. I think it my duty, and I am sure you will all agree with me, to request the Secretary to record in the minutes that the Golf Section deeply regrets the loss of one of its keenest golfers. (Hear hear).

The business of the meeting was then proceeded with and the following officers for the ensuing year were elected:—Mr. D. Nicoll, Captain; Mr. H. Overly, Hon. Sec. Committee:—Dr. Woodman and Messrs. G. H. May, A. W. E. Davidson, W. T. Elson and H. E. Stevens. Mr. G. H. May then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman and secretary and the meeting terminated.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS.

(SECOND HAND).

H.E. the Governor gave a dinner party at Government House on Monday evening when there were present:—His Honour Sir Haviland de Saumarez, His Honour Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., Lady Rees Davies, the Hon. Mr. J. Johnstone, Mrs. Johnstone, Eng.-Capt. S. P. Ferguson, C.B.E., R.N., Commander A. H. Walker, O.B.E., R.N., Eng.-Com. J. E. Cunningham, R.N., Major G. H. Wakeman, Mr. H. J. Geddes, Mr. Gedge, Major G. le Huquet, Mrs. le Huquet, Captain E. H. Bleckly, Mrs. Bleckly, Mr. Ross Thomson, Mr. N. L. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Mr. N. S. Brown and Mrs. Brown.

NORTH RIVER FLOOD PROTECTION.

The third report of the investigation and project for the regulation of the North River System has just been issued by Captain G. W. Olivecrona, engineer-in-chief at the Board of Conservancy Works of Kwangtung. It states that protection against inundation from floods passing down the North River cannot be sought by lowering the flood level, but can be obtained by confining the floods within the limit of the present and some new constructed dyke systems in definite channels and by a system of control sluices and flood gates. For the success of the scheme it is required that the dykes be partly reconstructed, generally improved and fully maintained to a proper elevation. The need of a speedy solution of the Kwangtung flood problem becomes manifest every year that passes, the dyke systems gradually getting weaker and showing now a less resistance against floods than they did when the Board began its investigations four years ago. An ordinary summer flood such as that of 1918, which may occur in any year, is already dangerous to the dykes, and will become more so as the dykes lack upkeep.

The report puts the cost of the work of putting the West, North and East rivers out of danger of inundating the land at \$35,000,000, this being \$1,000,000 in excess of the 1915 estimate. The time estimated is fifteen years and the report suggests that the farmers should pay a yearly tax of 30 cents a mow for flood protection works. "Keeping in mind" the report continues, "the losses inflicted by one single flood, as for instance that of 1915, when, according to a very moderate estimate values of up to ten million dollars were destroyed. The population would, no doubt, take upon themselves the responsibility of paying a tax, provided that guarantees were given that the tax would be efficiently and well spent for the purpose intended."

THE VICTORIA THEATRE.

"OUR BETTER SELVES."

She was a wealthy Parisian beauty and butterfly of fashion, to whose heart leisure and contentment were the dearest things in life, whose every whim was gratified, every vanity indulged in. He was a young American aristocrat aimlessly drifting and idling in the dolce far niente of languorous southern Europe.

These two met and loved—the rich, he almost penniless. Came the time when his better self prevailed, and he went forth to play a man's part in a world of men. And when the supreme sacrifice was called for he did not flinch from the consequences but renounced wealth and luxury and all the material things of life in a supreme effort of self-abnegation for the sake of the man she loved; thus, too, finding her better self.

That in brief is the story of "Our Better Selves," the Fannie Ward Extra Selected Star Photoplay which will be presented at the Victoria Theatre to-morrow night.

Miss Fannie Ward, who has been described as America's premier emotionalist, is afforded an opportunity for another wonderful display of her histrionic gifts equal to her powerful renditions of the leading roles in such successful productions as "Common Clay," "The Cry of the Weak," etc.

UNWHOLESOME FOOD.

The Chinese who was yesterday charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with the unlawful possession of unwholesome food, was again before his Worship this morning. Sergt. Ogg gave evidence as to handing the carcass of the pig to the Chinese Constable to take to Dr. Gibson for examination. He said Sergt. Ellis was present in the charge room at the time.

After the Chinese Constable had given evidence as to taking the carcass to Dr. Gibson's office, the defendant went into the witness box and said he was a fisherman living in Chin Wan. On Tuesday he came into Yaumati to make some purchases. On the roadside he met two men who gave him the carcass to carry for them. He was instructed to take it as far as the coal yard and there wait for them. He was waiting for the men when he was arrested by Sergeant Ellis.

Inspector Gerrard said that he had no reason to doubt the defendant's statement that he was a fisherman, but he thought that the carcass must have come from the country.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$10 or fourteen days' hard labour.

STRAIGHT AT IT.

THURSDAY, no use of our "beating around the bush." We might as well out with it from the start. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation, by its remarkable cures has gained a world-wide reputation, and the best terms of price. It is for sale by 1 Chemists and Druggists.

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SATURDAY,

January 10, 1920 at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8 Des Voeux Road, Corner of Lee House Street.

A Quantity of
Dress Materials, Flannel and
Flannelette, Serge, Alpaca, &c., &c.,
Blankets, Counterpanes, Hosiery,
Children's Suits, Jerseys, Handkerchiefs, &c.

Also
Several Sets of Lady's Furs and a
number of Fur Rugs, Travelling
Rugs.

Terms:—Cash.
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(For Account of the Concerned),

MONDAY,

January 12, 1920, at 10.30 a.m., at No. 38, The Peak.

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Valuable Household Furniture,

&c., &c.,
therein contained.

As follows:—
Large Teakwood Hallstand, Hall
Carpet and Rugs, Upholstered Teak
Arm-Chairs, Sofa and Corner Seat by
Powell, Brass Standard Lamps, Extension
Dining Table and Chairs, Marble-top
Sideboard and Dinner Wagon,
Sundry Glassware, &c., Teakwood Twin
Bedsteads, Large and Small Wardrobes,
Dressing Table, Chest-of-drawers, (Powell
make) Teak and Iron Cots, and
Nursery Furniture, Pantry, Kitchen and
Bathroom Utensils including a large
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Also
Piano by Damer & Sohn, Stuttgart,
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ture, Brass and Fire Screens, &c., Side
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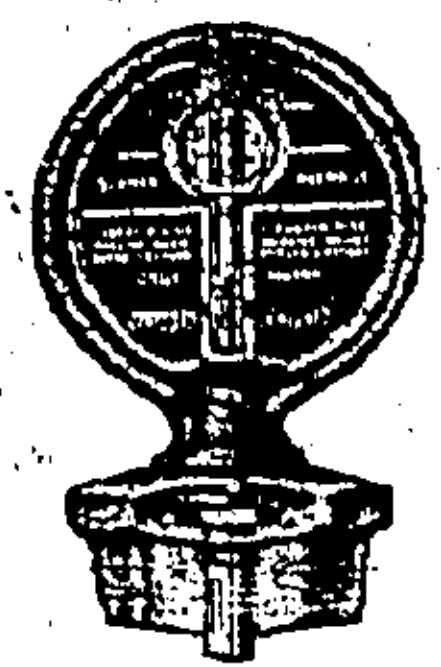
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Bedspreads and Table Covers.

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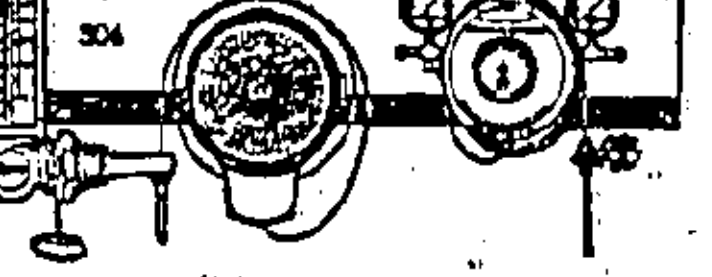
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ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

SOME DRESSES AND AN IMPRESSION.

The shabby old City Hall was completely metamorphosed on Twelfth Night when everyone flocked to the scene of festivities, on the occasion of the great Ball, given by the Society of St. George.

The first one they have had for years, and also by the way, the first big Ball the Gossip has seen in Hongkong. It was a lovely sight. Lights, flowers, bunting, pretty women in pretty frocks, men in uniform, men in tuxedo, and sounds of music. Thousands of people there seemed to be.

The dancing floor was packed to the point of discomfort, but no one seemed to mind, for the crowds hardly lessened and everyone kept on dancing until 2.30 a.m.

Rows of dear little sitting out boxes on the verandah, added a spice of adventure to an otherwise decorous occasion. His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by the suite, entered to the strain of the National Anthem, played by the Band of the Wilshire who, by kind permission of Colonel Wyndham and the officers of the regiment, provided the dance music; and a great treat it was to have a real lovely military band to dance to. I have never heard such good music in Hongkong, it made one forget the crush and everything but the desire to move and sway to the strains. I noticed that a number of the good dancers seemed to surpass themselves. There was one girl, whose movements were fascinating to watch. She was dark and rather languid looking, her figure supple and slender swayed slightly as she danced. Her actions seemed involuntary and seemed to be born of the sound and to obey an instinct to keep time to its fascinating syncopation. She is a new comer and is seen about in society upon many occasions, perhaps others noticed her too; she certainly knows how to dance.

There were some lovely dresses, quite the most striking costume was worn by Mrs. Walker. It appeared to be of dark embroidered tulle, and was made over a small crinoline or hoop. Few women could have worn it and if anyone is thinking of copying, let them study their figure and afterwards their dressmaker; it wants an artist to build a dress like that and a daring and smart woman to do it. Mrs. Walker's daring was justified, for she looked both smart and charming in it and all the other women admired and discussed her dress.

Lady Rees-Davies looked graceful and smart in a black velvet gown showing an under bodice of white lace.

Mrs. Stabb was in white brocade and Mrs. Pollock in white draped with gold lace.

Fish tails were greatly in evidence and in most cases spoiled the appearance of the dresses.

A perfectly delightful frock of crepe de chine in pale yellow, was married to the tail of one of these ridiculous trains. Another woman wore a night robe of iridescent spangled net in tones of blue, the gown which looked very expensive would have been handsome with another four inches added to the length of the skirt and with the omission of the tail.

As it was, a fish tail allied to a spangled dress, gave the appearance of a mermaid and somehow one demands a certain type for a mermaid.

Pink in all colours from crushed strawberry to vicux rose was very popular.

I should, of course, describe the dresses of all the ladies in the official set of lancers. They are a little difficult to remember, but I seem to recall a memory of Mrs. Turner in a handsome black gown in which brocade was introduced in graceful drapery. Lady Rees-Davies, Mrs. Pollock and Mrs. Stabb's dresses I have already mentioned. Mrs. Young wore white satin, Mrs. Hallifax a draped gown of smoke grey satin and tulle caught with pink roses, Mrs. Wolfe in blue satin made in circular frills, very simple and Mrs. Johnston in pink satin.

These descriptions do not sound very convincing; they are impressions. Anyone who was present can fill in the details from memory and anyone who was not at the Ball will probably see the same frocks at the opera or at some big show though I do not hear of any more big dances, for the present.

I liked watching the barn dance. There was a self conscious air of well bred self restraint in the raised feet of the modern dancers, as who should say, "this belongs to another class and another age," and yet it is not so very long ago that the Barn Dance bowed its exit in favour of the new favourites.

There was one man whose toe work was a joy to behold. He shone particularly in the lancers, stepping and

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ARMED ROBBERY.

The report of another armed robbery comes from Wong Nei Wu, Tai Shek Kee Valley. It is reported that at about 12.30 this morning, seven men, one armed with a chopper, entered an unnumbered maished between Yaumati and the Beaconsfield tunnel. After holding up the inmates, they ransacked the place, but were not rewarded with any more substantial booty than \$7.50, which represented all the wealth of the poor country folk. No one was molested by the robbers. Detectives have been put on the case but no arrests have yet been made.

MANCHESTER WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Huron & Co., Ltd., Manchester, report on Nov. 12:

The week's trading has been marked by a series of fluctuations in the prices of raw cotton. At the close however, with news of a settlement of the coal strike in the United States, the values are again rising, and with Spot Cotton at New York now at 40.20 cents a new high level has been reached. On the 6th inst. the issue of the fourth Ginning Report, showing the amount ginned up to November 1 as 6,274,000 bales, comparing with 7,777,000 bales to the corresponding date last year, caused another slight fall in prices. These reactions seem inevitable at present, owing to the fact that weather news is so consistently viewed in the most unfavourable light and any consequent effect on the crop is thereby more than discounted beforehand. It is, however, still apparent that other factors are responsible for the continued strength, and of these the bullish spot situation and persistent trade buying are probably the most important. Although there has been this irregularity in the prices of the raw material, it has not in any way checked the upward movement in the yarn and cloth sections. These sections have been remarkably active and a considerable business has again been transacted. Commitments in all classes of goods are now very heavy indeed and the result is that not a few producers definitely refuse to book anything further. Generally, however, the reluctance to take on further engagement leads to higher quotations, but the pressure to buy continues to such an extent that these dearer prices are readily paid. Such is the position in fact—most makers would be content to stop booking until the position for such distant delivery as is now demanded, becomes clearer, but on the other hand many buying outlets, India perhaps especially, show the greatest anxiety to place lots for which delivery is rapidly becoming impossible. The consequence of this situation is that prices are being rapidly forced up and the movement seems likely to continue so long as the present demand is maintained. Although cotton is dearer, cloth prices have not as yet reached the level obtaining just before the Armistice but there appears every prospect of that level being attained in the near future and there would again seem to be many reasons for a more cautious policy.

prancing like the traditional French dancing master of the Empire period. One could not gather whether he meant to be funny, or just could not help himself.

After the eighth dance supper was served. His Excellency the Governor and the President of the Society, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, with his wife and a distinguished party were seated on the stage at a beautifully decorated, but exceedingly draughty table.

It is one of the consolations of the unimportant that the seats of the mightiest are not always as comfortable as they appear to be. The rest of the guests were splendidly accommodated at small tables in the body and galleries of the opera house, the sight was more than pretty, it was brilliant. Poor Captain Wheeler, carried in the Bear's Head on his own head, and stood in silence while the Band played suitably, his neck must have been stiff by the time the ferocious looking head was deposited upon a table, from whence it glared angrily at the crowd. Was it the result of his glassy eye or the eating of his flesh that caused nightmare to the greedy one who went straight home to bed after supper.

Supper was a lengthy and enjoyable affair, no one seemed in a hurry to leave the cherry room.

The usual toast, "The King," was proposed by His Excellency and honoured in the usual way, and then the President made a very short and effective speech, and handed out wordy bouquets to the committee and sub-committees individually and collectively and then turned his attention to the British Empire.

His contentions as to the percentage of Englishmen in the army and navy has set up a considerable amount of controversy among the Scotch and Irish men in the place, and it is more than likely that he has been answering a good many questions on the accuracy of his statistics since the dance.

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COMPANY REPORT.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the thirty-first report of the general agents to the ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. at 11 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, 14th January, 1920.

Gentlemen—The General Agents now submit to you a statement of the balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

During the year the whole of the Company's properties were sold for the sum of \$1,223,000.00 giving a net profit on the sale of \$597,948.19 and the net profits for the year thus amount to \$647,453.25, which with \$2,386.64 the amount brought forward from the previous year gives an amount available for division of \$649,844.90. From this amount an interim dividend of \$3.00 per share has already been paid. It is now proposed to pay a final dividend of \$3.00 per share making a total dividend of \$6.00 per share for the year, and also to pay a bonus of \$29.00 per share, equalling \$362,500.00 and to carry forward the balance \$212,344.90 to the credit of a new profit and loss account.

Directors.—Hon. Mr. David Landale and Mr. A. C. Lang having retired Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar were invited to join the Board in their place. Mr. Bernard subsequently retired and Hon. Mr. John Johnston was appointed in his stead, these appointments now require confirmation. Hon. Sir Paul Chater and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar now retire by rotation and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., who now retires, and offers himself for re-election.

MOVBRAV S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary.

The Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., General Agents for The West Point Building Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 6th January, 1920.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1919.

LIABILITIES.

Capital	625,000.00
Accounts payable	31,595.03
Balance of profit and loss account, \$649,844.90	
Less interim dividend paid, \$37,500.00	
	612,344.90
	\$1,268,939.93

ASSETS.

Amount invested in Mortgages	\$838,300.00
Loans at call	423,000.00
Accounts Receivable	5,413.54
Cash in hand and at Bank	2,226.39
	\$1,268,939.93

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

DEBIT.

To Fire Insurance	\$ 3,319.36
To Charges	392.40
To Crown Rent	796.70
To Repairs to Buildings	1,301.00
To Commission to Agents	34,076.75
To Interim Dividend of \$3.00 for Half-year	37,500.00
Directors' Fees	500.00
Auditor's Fee	100.00
To Balance to be appropriated as follows:	
Dividend of \$3.00 per share \$37,500.00	
Bonus of \$29.00 per share \$362,500.00	
Balance to be carried to New A/c	\$212,344.90
	\$612,344.90
	\$690,331.11

CREDIT.

By Balance brought forward	\$ 2,386.64
By Rents	83,133.33
By Interest	6,823.95
By Scrip Fees	39.00
By Profit on Sales	597,948.19
	\$690,331.11

C. P. CHATER, Directors.
C. S. GUBBAY, Directors.
MOVBRAV S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Ltd.

I report that I have audited the above Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers of the Company in Hongkong and that in my opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at the 31st December, 1919, according to the best of my information and the explanations given me, and as shown by the Books of the Company.

I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required.

H. PERCY SMITH, F.C.A., Auditor.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1920.

"WALLA WALLA" both are new and had. Get them at Black.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A TRIBUTE TO HONGKONG.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Dear Sir—Now that what is left of the 1st G. S. Manchester Regiment have got their "Marching Orders" I should like to take this opportunity through the medium of your columns of thanking most heartily all those residents who have so materially helped to make our stay in this Colony so agreeable and pleasant.

None of us I suppose contemplated that Hongkong was to be our final station before demobilization but if we have not gathered much additional Military knowledge, our minds have been enlarged and our eyes have been opened to the fact that this Colony is one to be proud of not only as forming part of the British Empire but also for the vast commercial undertakings which exist.

We shall now be able to speak about Hongkong as a real place and not as a place "Somewhere east of Suez."

Yours faithfully,
R. K. HARVEY,
Lieut. Colonel.

Commanding, 1st Garrison, Bn. Manchester Regiment Hongkong, Jan. 7, 1920.

LOSS OF THE "FAZILKA."

A marine court of inquiry was held at Calcutta on December 20, to inquire into the circumstances attending the stranding and loss of the B.I.S.N. vessel "Fazilka" on the rocks of the Great Nicobar island of October 31 last. The "Fazilka" left Penang for Madras on October 29 with general cargo and 609 passengers on board and a crew of 169 hands. On the 31st she stranded on Cerberus rock off the Great Nicobar Island. Captain Wilce said he was unable to get the vessel off and the mails and passengers were transferred to two vessels which came to his rescue. Two Burnie, E. W. Day, D. E. Donnelly, lives were lost and the vessel was abandoned. A report of the finding Mitchell, P. G. De Paravichal, T. E. will be forwarded to the Government. Pearce and F. Sutton.

"H.K.C.C. & R.E. AND INDIAN ARMY."

The following will represent the Club in their League fixture on Saturday 10th instant at 2 p.m.—"R. Hancock (Capt.), C. Baker, A. A. Rumjahn, D. Rumjahn, M. B. Suffiad, E. A. Moosdeen, and A. R. Madar.

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SPORTS.

BILLIARDS.

PALACE HOTEL HANDICAP.

In the above Handicap last night W. A. Morgan—125, met C. Hatt—20. Nothing of any special note was seen in either men's play, Morgan the book marker being right off colour. The highest break of the evening was 22 by Hatt while the best Morgan could do was a 17. The final score was C. Hatt—20, 250.

W. A. Morgan—125, 158.
Tonight's game should produce some good billiards from Mr. Gerrard, W. G. Gerrard—125 meets F. H. Woolman—20.
Game commences at 9 p.m.

FOOTBALL.

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DEATH OF FAMOUS CRICKETER.

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Evidence was given that the duties of the engineers involved manual labour in various forms. No evidence was offered by the respondents, but their counsel contended that the duties were supervisory and did not involve any special amount of manual labour.

The Judge decided that the engineers in question were clearly within the scope of the Workmen's Compensation Act, and made a declaration awarding the maximum compensation (£306) in each case, with costs.

Stay of execution was granted in case of an appeal.

drawing office, and also, possibly, to spend some further time in the shops. He also urges the importance to the young engineer of taking any opportunity which may occur towards the end of his training of doing some work abroad. The fact of being away from home, more or less upon his own responsibility, undoubtedly tends to develop character and self reliance in a young man, and these qualities will add materially to his prospects of success. Engineering, Sir William concludes, is a serious profession, and must be regarded seriously by all who enter it. At the same time he calls attention to the need for maintaining the proper relationship between work and play, considering a certain amount of the latter as essential a factor in making for success as anything else. Opportunities for young engineers, he considers, are greater to-day than ever before, owing to the fact that many such have given their lives in the great conflict, and others have been diverted by it from the careers on which they had already embarked. There is a dearth of young men of suitable training to take up positions of increasing responsibility in connection with the many schemes which will be put into operation all over the world as soon as financial conditions become more stable.—Engineering.

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THE JOY AND SORROW OF MRS. HEDGER.

The man in the parable, we are told, having but one talent, wrapped it in a napkin and refused to use it. That was foolish as well as wrong. For, as I learned in the difficult days of my apprenticeship at the Mission, one talent rightly used will go a long way. Life could never, I suppose, have been a difficult matter either to the Vicar, so self-confident and right, or to the Junior Curate, so richly dowered with all the talents. No did the Senior Curate find life a difficult task, for he had the simple rule alike for the day and for the whole of life. To do the thing that came to hand, without haste, or doubt, or fear, and when it was done, as well as he could do, to pass on to the next thing, and so, at the end, to sleep—that, I think, was his rule. But for most of us, at any rate in the hot and restless days of youth, life is often difficult indeed. And so in my prentice days at the Mission I was often glad to encourage myself by remembering the one undoubted talent which I had to set against the Junior Curate's many. It was the talent—rare I think, precious I am sure—of being talked to. I do not know what were its roots. Perhaps an unconscious recognition, on the part of those who talked to me, of the fact that I have, have always had, what Stevenson calls "an ill-regulated interest in the phases of life and human character." But whatever were the causes the talent remains. Whether in the Ladies Club, where I spent much of my time sitting on the end of a table listening to the stories, long, rambling, and involved, but full of incident, adventure, and character, told me by the boys, or in cottages in the afternoon, when I wasted hours listening to a few mothers which should, the Vicar thought, have been devoted to flying visits to a hundred houses, it was the same thing. And other members of the staff often wondered at the quantity of miscellaneous information I managed to acquire.

It was so that I came to know the life's sorrow and the secret joy of little Mrs. Hedger. For all her homely Saxon name she was Celtic to the backbone; a little black-haired, black-eyed, fiery Welsh woman whose maiden name was Mary Morgan, and who had brought with her from Wales two things which long years in London could not take from her. Cockneyed by years in South London, in thought, and speech, and manner, she still retained a voice which no London fog could rob of its rich volume and of a certain wild freshness, as of mountain air across open hillsides, and a passionate religious fervour which burned in her like a fire. I often wondered what brought other women to church. Some came, as I knew well, because they were true saints, though saints in a quiet, restrained, homely English way. Others, poor souls, came because the church was a place of quiet where, for a little while, they could sit with their hands in their laps, hearing good words, without too much exertion of tired bodies and minds. Some came because church-going was an outward and visible sign of growing respectability, and of an upward tendency in the social scale, and others came, openly and unashamed, for doses. But there was no need to ask why little Mrs. Hedger came.

She could neither read nor write, but she knew the psalms and most of the hymns by heart, and when there was a new hymn set down her youngest son, in the choir, taught it to her, and she never made a mistake. True, in "Jerusalem, my happy home" she made "Our Lady sings Magnificat" into "Our Lady sings magnificent," but in that she was at once with the bulk of the congregation. She liked a more florid type of tune than the Vicar favoured, and so was, at her best at the Senior Curate's open-air services at the corner of Salisbury Row. But her religion was more than a mere love for hymn-singing. Each year before the Dedication Festival she scrubbed the church from end to end as her thank-offering. "I've no money," she would say, "and I can't do fancy work. But I do know how to use a scrubbing-brush, and there's none of the others as will grudge me the job."

It was while engaged on this task that she first told me her spiritual experiences. There are things which may be spoken heart to heart, but must not be written, for the world to read, but she spoke to me, kneeling on the wet floor, girl with tacking, scrubbing-brush in hand, I felt that I understood why a hundred little chapels, of dingy brick or rough-jewn-

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

LADIES' SECTION ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was held at the Helena May Institute this morning. Lady Rice-Davies (Captain) presided, being supported by Mrs. Maitland, Secretary, Mrs. Moxon, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Mrs. T. Arthur and Mrs. A. Ritchie.

In speaking on the report the Captain said it had been decided to handicap only on the Happy Valley Course. Last year they had five more competitions than in any other year. The cup presented by Mrs. Dreaper was won by Miss Jessie Roger; Lady Rice-Davies' cup won by Mrs. Ferns and Mrs. H. Griffin; Messrs. Moxon and Moxon's cup won by Mrs. A. Gordon and Mr. Leith; Mr. Gordon's cup won by Mrs. H. Humphreys; Mr. Wodehouse's cup won by Mrs. Kilgour and Mrs. J. Taylor.

The speaker then proceeded to express thanks to the Men's Committee, who had given them a board on which to record the championship and one for the best gross score, and seats for the dressing room at Deep Water Bay. They were all very grateful to the Men's Committee and she thought the best way to show it would be by making themselves scarce on Wednesdays and Saturdays and not playing over the course on Sunday mornings.

Some discussion took place on the old Committee on the question of bogey which at present was 91. It had been suggested that it be increased to 94. She thought that was a matter the new Committee should deal with.

No decision was arrived at by the meeting on the question of whether a player on winning the Championship should have her handicap reduced to scratch. The opinion seemed to be that there should be some reduction.

The Committee elected was as follows: Mrs. J. Johnston, Mrs. Winslow, Mrs. Montagu Harrison, Mrs. J. Taylor, Mrs. Maitland and Mrs. N.E. Smith.

Mrs. J. Johnston was elected captain.

Votes of thanks to the Secretary and the old Committee concluded the meeting.

stone, on the hills of her native land are lovely in the eyes of those who worship in them, and why those who built them called them Bethel, or Bethesda, or Ebenezer, seeking for them strange and beautiful names, as men will for the place where they first learned how the Spirit can

bid time break and let us through

Into eternity, our due.

Poor little woman, religion was not merely her chief, it was almost her only happiness. Honestly I never found any explanation of her husband more convincing than the theory that he was possessed by an evil spirit. A clever workman, a life abstainer, he had a heart compacted of hates and fears and grudges and was a past-master of the art of making himself and all round him wretched. To the world at large his wife kept up the fiction that he was a good husband, but when all reserve between us was at an end she spoke plainly. "There's many women," she said, "who envy me having a testotal husband. But I'd rather he got drunk twice a week and beat me, if only he'd be pleasant in the house between whiles. We could be so happy, if he'd let us."

And her first six boys (she had no girls) were a bitter disappointment to her. They "favoured their father," being heavy, light-haired, loutish lads, of foul mind, foul of tongue. Earning good wages, they gave their mother the least farthing she could keep them for, and exacted in return the last ounce the money would buy. But she found her consolation in her seventh. I wonder how many times she has told me of his birth. "When they put him into my arms," she would say, loving to tell of it, "I saw God had sent me one for my own. He's a Morgan, not a Hedger. And oh how I've prayed that he might grow up to be a blessing to me. And I asked the Vicar to tell me a name that would mean he was God's gift to me, like those mothers you read of in the Bible. He said Theodore meant the Gift of God. It seemed a strange outlandish name at first. But it's a true one. He's all that to me." And he was. I knew him from the time he was ten till he was eighteen, and he is among the number of the most attractive human beings I ever knew.

I've called her "poor little Mrs. Hedger." But was she really so poor, as folk go in this sad world?

ROMANCE OF POTASH.

GERMAN HOPES FALSIFIED.

Until quite recently one of Germany's trump cards, which she relied upon playing at the coming Peace Conference was potash.

This substance, though never occurring free in Nature, is present in any fertile soil, from which it is extracted by plants. When it has been extracted, it must be replaced, otherwise the plants wither and die.

Now, before the war, practically the entire world's supply of this valuable plant food came from the mines of Stassfurt, Prussian Saxony, where it was deposited by the evaporation of a vast inland salt-water lake in prehistoric times.

Without this potash of hers, Germany argued, our harvests would fail, so that sheer need of food would sooner or later compel us to accept her terms.

But very early in the war our chemists and scientific agriculturists realized the tremendous danger that threatened our food supplies from a potash famine, and they set themselves to overcome it.

POTASH FROM PIG-IRON.

First of all the potash-seekers turned their attention to the waste products of the blast furnaces used in the manufacture of pig-iron. It had long been known that potash existed in the dust drawn from the stoves and boilers of blast furnace works.

The only drawback was that there was not enough of it. Potash is volatile stuff and in the terrific heat of the blast furnaces most of it is driven off in the form of gas and so lost.

The first obvious problem that the investigators had to tackle, therefore, was to recover the potash from the gas. This was accomplished in the end by a system of first cooling and then washing the gas, so that all the foreign elements in it were precipitated including, of course, the potash.

By these means the quantity of potash in the dust was trebled, and in some instances quadrupled. Still the investigators were not satisfied. They cast about for some method of increasing the amount of potash produced.

After elaborate and exhaustive experiments, continued from the autumn of 1914 down to the spring of 1916, it was found that by adding common salt to the furnaces potash could be produced in enormously increased quantities.

WASHED FROM WOOL.

The drawback was that the supply was still too limited, depending, as it did, upon the quantities of pig-iron made. So once again the investigators got to work, experimenting in regard to the by-products of allied and other industries. Success once more attended their efforts, and sometimes in quite unexpected directions; as for example, the recovery of large quantities of by-product potash in connection with one process of the woolcombing industry, which is centred in Bradford.

Up till comparatively recently the method used there for washing the raw wool was to scour it in hot water with alkali and soap in three or four different vessels. The investigators discovered that by the simple expedient of subjecting the wool to a preliminary wash in cold water considerable quantities of nearly pure potash were recoverable, and many hundreds of tons weekly are now being produced from this source alone.

The salt process, again, has been successfully applied to other than blast furnace works, notably those concerned with the manufacture of cement. The waste gases from the cement kilns have been found to contain large quantities of potash, and these large quantities have been further increased exactly as in the case of the blast furnaces by the addition of salt.

The net result of it all is that Britain is in a fair way to become independent of Germany for her after-the-war supplies of potash, and that British industry and British agriculture are being benefited.

The Netherlands Indian Government has rescinded the decree declaring Hongkong an infected port on account of plague.

An illustrated lecture entitled "Thirty minutes with Shakespeare" for children, young and old, will be given by Mr. N. Teesdale Mackintosh M.A. at the Helena May Institute on Wednesday, January 21 at 5.30 p.m.

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